



**City Council
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 18, 2005
7:00 P.M.**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Trinity City Council was held on Tuesday, October 18, 2005 at the Trinity Memorial United Methodist Church.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor, Jimmy Shore; Council members Karen Bridges, Phil Brown, Barbara Ewings, Bob Labonte, Barry Lambeth, Dwight Meredith, Edith Reddick, and Miles Talbert.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Ann Bailie; City Attorney, Bob Wilhoit; City Planning/Zoning Code Enforcement Administrator, Adam Stumb; City Clerk/FO, Debbie Hinson; City Engineer Randy McNeill; Members of the Press; and other interested parties.

Call to Order

Mayor Shore called the October 18, 2005 Regular Meeting of the Trinity City Council to order at 7:08 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council member Meredith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation

The invocation was given by Council member Lambeth.

Welcome Guest and Visitors

Mayor Shore welcomed and thanked all persons in attendance and for their interest in the City. Mayor Shore introduced Barbara Arntsen, news writer for the High Point Enterprise. Ms. Arntsen advised Council that she was living in High Point and was the Randolph County news writer for this area.

Review and Approval of Minutes

1. September 13, 2005 Pre-Agenda Meeting

Mayor Shore called for corrections, additions, or deletions to the September 13, 2005 Pre-Agenda Minutes. *Council member Bridges made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Council member Brown and approved unanimously by all Council members present.*

2. September 20, 2005 Regular City Council Meeting

Mayor Shore called for corrections, additions, or deletions to the September 20, 2005 Regular Minutes. *Council member Meredith made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Council member Talbert and approved unanimously by all Council members present.*

Public Concerns and Commendations

Mayor Shore opened this item and called on Martha Stunda to address Council as per her request.

Public Concerns- Martha Stunda-5661 Meadowbrook Drive, Trinity; Ms. Stunda advised Council members she was the President of Friends of Trinity and stated the reason for her presence was for clarification on the park. Ms. Stunda discussed the following:

The park was a gift given by the Friends of Trinity to the City of Trinity and its residents. The approximate costs for this park are \$26,000.00. The only request from the Friends of Trinity for this gift was for the City to maintain the park at an annual cost of \$417.52. Our group is in the process of trying to work out something for the insurance. Ms. Stunda discussed other donations that had been made to other various organizations by the City that she felt were not enjoyed by the citizens as much as this park is and will be enjoyed. She also discussed the number of visitors that she had seen visiting the park at times that she had been by the park. This park is a focal point of Trinity and demonstrates beauty. It illustrates to others that we care about our community and surroundings and take pride in what we have. I have received calls from residents thanking me for doing something they could be proud of in this community. She discussed another comment she had received from a citizen concerning their reasons for selling their home in Trinity. Ms. Stunda discussed her life long residency in the City of Trinity and her pride in this community. She stated she felt the City had taken a lot of steps forward but had taken steps backwards as well. It was Ms. Stunda's opinion that the City of Trinity did not look as well as it did twenty (20) years ago in some aspects. She discussed the memorials in excess of 200 located at the park site and how these memorials represented the forefathers of Trinity.

Ms. Stunda discussed the goals of The Friends of Trinity concerning what they had accomplished and what they would like to accomplish. She discussed the need for the Friends of Trinity and City Officials to work together and support each other for the good of the citizens of Trinity. We need to work and grow together. This would make us shine in the eyes of the public and to other government entities. We need to be on the same team. If we do not work together we will never achieve things as a city.

With no others speaking, Mayor Shore continued with the meeting.

Public Hearings

ITEM III. Amendments to Subdivision Ordinance

Mayor Shore opened this item and asked Mr. Stumb to review this item with Council.

Mr. Stumb advised Council members that both the Amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance and the Amendments to the Watershed Ordinance go together in the technical changes of Submission Standards to Subdivisions and what the developers will be required to put on their plats when submitted to staff. These include changes to the scale, existing uses that will include roads, certification of run off for stormwater, and road signs. The changes listed were suggested by Anderson and Associates in order to make the process smoother for subdivisions.

Council member Bridges asked about the Certification of Runoff Control listed under the Watershed Protected Ordinance and what if any was the recourse if this did not happen as addressed and certified by the Certifying Engineer concerning the 1" rainfall.

Mr. Randy McNeill, city engineer, Davis- Martin-Powell and Associates advised Council that the certification by the design engineer puts the burden on him and takes the burden from municipality or the engineer reviewing the plan. If anything happens that results in questions, the design engineer may have to prove that his calculations meet the 1" runoff.

Council member Lambeth discussed restrictions put on engineers by the state and the responsibility of the certifying engineers. Mr. McNeill advised Council members that engineers must submit documents to the state as well. The purpose of the submission of this certification is to prevent the state and regulatory engineers from repeating the same steps. This puts 100% of the burden on the certifying engineer. Council member Meredith and Mr. McNeill discussed the 1" rainfall and what period that would cover. Mr. McNeill advised members the first one (1) inch of rain could not have any more impact on downstream properties with or without the development. The time period could be all at one time or over a period of time. This addresses the first one (1) inch of rain no matter what the time period is. The developer must have a buffer that would handle a one (1) inch rain. Larger rainfall that will cause flooding, erosion, and other damages would happen with or without improvements upstream.

After discussion between Mayor Shore and Manager Bailie, it was decided that these items be discussed together in conjunction with each other.

Council member Bridges asked that two (2) typographical errors be corrected on page 5 Section 7-4 (D) of the Amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance . She asked that in sentence 1 the word *were* be changed to where and in sentence 2 the spelling for available be corrected.

At this time Mayor Shore opened the Public Hearing to anyone who wished to speak in favor of the Amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance and the Amendments to the Watershed Ordinance request. Hearing none, Mayor Shore called for anyone who wished to speak in opposition of these request. Hearing none, Mayor Shore called for staff recommendation.

Mr. Stumb stated that staff recommended approval of these request. At this time Mayor Shore closed the Public Hearing and opened these items to Council members for further discussion and or action.

With no further discussion, *Council member Bridges made a motion to approve these request with the recommended spelling corrections as previously mentioned (two (2) typographical errors be corrected on page 5 Section 7-4 (D) of the Amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance . She asked that in sentence 1 the word *were* be changed to where and in sentence 2 the spelling for available be corrected.) The motion was seconded by Council member Talbert and approved unanimously by all Council members present.*

Unfinished Business

NONE

New Business

Christmas In Trinity

Manager Bailie advised members that staff had run into a problem with using the cafeteria at the High School this year. The High School already has a function in the High School Theater on the two (2) Fridays that the city was considering to hold this annual celebration. The school informed Diana they thought parking would be tight. After discussion with Mayor Shore concerning this he suggested using this facility since there is a stage for the entertainment and a kitchen in the back. Diana called and was able to acquire this facility. We currently have Friday, December 16, 2005 scheduled for Christmas In Trinity at this location to begin around 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Shore asked Council if they wished to continue presenting bicycles as they had done in the past. It was the consensus of Council for this to continue. Mayor Shore also advised members that he had contacted Jason Hill and Rob Poston and they were willing to donate some toys as they have done in the past.

Mayor Shore and Manager Bailie advised members if they had any suggestions to contact staff. Council member Lambeth advised members he would provide the popcorn unless there was a conflict with an event they may be taking place at his church.

Community Park

Mayor Shore discussed conversations between himself and Manager Bailie and some ideas that he had come up with concerning the Community Park. I believe the City is obligated to pay the insurance for the park. This would not leave a lot of expense. I thought we might try to get the park sponsored by businesses or individuals on a monthly basis. Without the insurance I believe this could be done for approximately \$25.00 per month. Both I and Council member Brown would be willing to do this if this is something that Council would like to look into or proceed with. For example, Council member Brown may sponsor the park for two (2) months in honor of his parents. This way at \$25.00 per month there would be revenue generated of approximately \$300.00 annually. The excess of the money not needed for park expenses would go into the Friends of Trinity account.

Council member Brown discussed money that was given to the Friends of Trinity by some of the Council members in the form of the brick memorials. I was honored to do this and feel the park is very beautiful.

Mayor Shore stated that this was just an idea for Council's consideration.

Council member Labonte stated he felt this was a good idea but felt the amount should be \$50.00 per month. There are plenty of persons that would do this. I have had one (1) call in regards to the park. The person stated the park was pretty but they did not want their taxes going toward a park. The question they asked was how to join the Friends of Trinity and what was this organization.

Ms. Stunda advised Council that their organization had applied and received a tax ID number. We have advertised and welcome anyone who would like to join. We have open recruitment at such events as Bush Hill and other programs that we have sponsored or been involved in. We only have 10 to 12 members and would love to have anyone who would like to be a part of this organization.

Council member Bridges asked if money was donated by individuals would they be given a receipt for their donation to be used during their tax filing period for a charitable contribution. Attorney Wilhoit and Ms. Stunda advised members that if the contribution was made to the organization it would be considered a charitable contribution and receipt could be furnished to the contributor of such funds to use during tax filing.

Ms. Fran Andrews advised Council that the Friends of Trinity had applied for and received a tax ID number and had applied for status as a 501-C corporation from IRS. We have not received the final paperwork from the IRS granting our organization 501-C status, however, the application was filed at the end of May or the first of June 05.

Ms. Stunda discussed the future possibility of clearing some additional area at the park site to expand the park if permission could be obtained.

Mayor Shore advised Council members and members of the Friends of Trinity that his suggestions were an idea only and something for Council members to consider.

Business and Closing Comments from Mayor and Council
Mayor Shore called for further comments from Council.

NONE

Business from City Manager

Manager Bailie discussed the following items:

Quarterly Financial Statements

Manager Bailie advised members that Quarterly Financial Statements had been given to Council tonight by the City Clerk/Finance Officer and covered the period of July through September. At this time Manager Bailie turned discussion over to Ms. Hinson for comments.

Ms. Hinson reviewed the summary pages given to Council and advised them if they had any questions when reviewing these documents to contact her and she would be glad to review their questions with them.

Cold Brook Court

Manager Bailie advised members that the developer of this Subdivision Mr. Bobby Clodfelter had agreed to turn over the road to the city if this is something that you would like to pursue as discussed at the Pre-Agenda meeting.

I have some further legal questions that I need to get answered and if everyone is in agreement in theory that you would like to move ahead with this project without making a commitment to this point it is my intent to have everything in order for you to discuss at your next Pre-Agenda meeting. If you decide to continue with the process at that meeting the next step would take place at your Regular Council meeting in November. Council would adopt a Preliminary Resolution that would include a Statement of Intent to undertake the project. This would be a general description and location of the project, the proposed basis for making assessments, how long the assessments shall be held in abeyance, a statement as to the proposed terms of the assessment, and then setting a Public Hearing that would allow residents of the proposed

neighborhood where this would take place to come and make their feelings known concerning your intentions.

There was conversation between Council member Ewings and Manager Bailie concerning what would take place at the Pre-Agenda Meeting in November. Manager Bailie advised Council this item would be discussed at the Pre-Agenda Meeting in further detail to allow Council the opportunity to decide if they wished to continue with this project and continue with a Preliminary Resolution at the Regular Council meeting in November.

Recycling Site

Manager Bailie referred to pictures placed at Council's seats of the Recycling Site located in Trinity. As shown in the pictures, persons have used this site for illegal dumping. We have had complaints concerning this illegal dumping since last summer. Adam and I have met with representatives from the Randolph County Public Works Department and helped design the sign shown in this picture. This sign was erected today at this site. During the budget process the Public Works Director for the county wanted to close the site, however, Darrell Frye was able to keep this site open. Randolph County would like us to do something to prevent dumping. We use our newsletter to encourage and educate our citizens to utilize this site by providing a listing of items that are allowed as well as those that are disallowed.

Manager Bailie asked for any suggestions from Council concerning how the illegal dumping might be stopped. There was a brief discussion between Council members and Manager Bailie about the items allowed at this site. Discussion continued about who had responsibility for this site. Manager Bailie advised Council that it was the responsibility of the county to maintain this site; however, they would like to see the City do something to address the abuse at this site. Council discussed the possibility of asking the County to make this a manned site by the County.

After discussion, Manager Bailie and Mayor Shore advised Council they would try to do more research on what the County would be willing to do.

Thomasville Wastewater Treatment Plant Bids

Manager Bailie advised members that she had spoken with Kelly Craver from Thomasville concerning the bids received for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Their engineer recently met with the bidder on the project. Thomasville is working with the contractor in an effort to negotiate the bid. They have identified 11 major items for negotiation. Some of them involve changes in phasing and some of them involve technical areas such as the handling of sludge and perhaps leaving out some things. I have not received any dollar figures to date but may have some on Monday.

Manager Bailie called for comments from Mr. McNeill, city engineer. Mr. McNeill stated that he felt it would be a good idea to ask the City of Thomasville to share their plans, specifications, and bid documents with the City of Trinity's engineer for review since the city is responsible for 29.3% of the actual costs of the Treatment Plant.

Rural Development Meeting

Manager Bailie advised members that she, Mr. McNeill and the City Clerk met with Alan Hart and other Rural Development representatives earlier this week. At this time, Manager Bailie turned the discussion over to Mr. McNeill.

Mr. McNeill advised Council members that this meeting was focused on satisfying the technical review of Rural Development concerning the Preliminary Engineering Report for Phases 3, 4, and 5. It was a very successful meeting and we reviewed a lot of details. This meeting was held to give a more detailed understanding of the project to representatives from the Raleigh office of Rural Development. Mr. Hart is the Grant Monitor and understands what is going on with this project. The review engineer is just looking at what is on the paper and had some questions. We were able to answer most of their questions and will respond to some others in writing. The next step will be to finalize the engineering agreement in order for us to start to work. Manager Bailie and Attorney Wilhoit have reviewed this agreement in a draft format. We will refine this agreement and present it to Council at your November Pre-Agenda Meeting.

We also reviewed the status of Phase 2 project. This project is very close to completion in the design process. We have started the easement process and will begin the construction process later.

Mr. McNeill provided Council with and updated sewer system improvements schedule. This schedule will be revised from time to time as needed.

Mr. McNeill advised Mayor Shore and Council members the construction for the Colonial Heights Project was moving slowly due to rock that has been encountered by the contractor on this project. This is not costing the City of Trinity in the form of money; however, it is a cost in time. The surveying for the Darr Road Project is being done and we are also in the process of acquiring easements. CMR is moving forward and identifying which property owners will be eligible for free taps and plumbing connections based on their income.

Mayor Shore and Mr. McNeill discussed the time line schedule for these projects and how far ahead of schedule the City was on these projects. Mr. McNeill stated that by Rural Development offering the money for the Phase 3 project this year has moved the project ahead at least 2 years. We did a financial analysis and this plan has been compressed to 9 years or less from 12 years proposed in the first analysis. Mr. McNeill advised Council they would need to evaluate their progress next summer and evaluate where they wanted to be. We need to make this work as economically as possible for the city and make sure that the revenues are sufficient for the debt ratio.

Change in date for the November Pre-Agenda Meeting

Manager Bailie reminded Council of the change in the meeting date for the November Pre-Agenda from Tuesday, November 08, 2005 (election day) to Wednesday, November 09, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. Manager Bailie asked Council members if they wanted to keep City Hall open on election night as had been done in the past. It was the consensus of Council to keep City Hall open during the election process on November 08, 2005.

Land Development Committee

Manager Bailie advised members that the Land Development Committee had held it's first meeting and both she and Council member Meredith felt this meeting went well. Council member Brown agreed the meeting was good and by putting together different people it allowed a broader view of ideas and possibilities.

City Haul

This event is scheduled for the last weekend in October and the first weekend in November.

Friends of the Institute of Government

Manager Bailie discussed the invitation from this group to all Council members to attend the Winery Tour at Childress Vineyards on October 27, 2005. She asked for any Council members that wanted her to RSVP for them to attend this tour to advise her as soon as possible since the RSVP date was October 25, 2005.

** Council member Lambeth advised Council members the information discussed pertaining to the evaluation of the City Manager was included in their packets and asked that they complete these as soon as possible and return them to him.

Prior to reading the upcoming meetings and events, Mayor Shore introduced Mr. Marion Hazard, the person that designed and built the steeple for the gazebo at the park. Mayor Shore thanked him for his hard work and dedication on this project.

Prior to adjournment, Mayor Shore read the upcoming meetings and events schedules for the City of Trinity.

ITEM IV. Adjournment

With no other business to discuss, Mayor Shore called for a motion of adjournment.

Council member Ewings made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council member Labonte, and approved unanimously by all Council members present.

These minutes were approved as written by the Trinity City Council at their November 15, 2005 Regular Meeting upon motion by Council member Talbert, seconded by Council member Bridges, and approved unanimously by all Council members present.